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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Moylan while a comparison was being made among the salaries of other public service commissions through out the country, was a comparison made between there code of ethics and that of this state? For the Public Service Commissioners?

SENATOR MOYLAN: No, that was not discussed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Ethics were not discussed and that is the key problem. Ethics are not discussed. I will have to say like Will Rogers with reference to the hearings on the Public Service Commissioners, all I know is what I read in the newspapers because those hearings are closed by law. But when you have these people getting trips and various other things from the interests that they are supposed to be regulating, it is like a sheriff having for his best friend Jessie James. When you look at the fringe benefits that they have been getting down through the years, I'm sure that there salary goes to better than \$17,500. Senator Goodrich is not here, the watchman of all honesty. When he was totally up the things that the welfare recipients get a nickle here and nickle there and a dime here, to show how they are busting the state, I'm sure that he could in his adding machine mind total up very quickly about \$30,000 for each public service commissioner thereabouts. While I have this opportunity besides telling you that I am going to vote against this bill and indicate my reasons I want the record to show that I'm a Senator who has never accepted a football ticket from the University, will not accept a football ticket from the University and I accept no gratuities from anybody, no dinners, no social affairs, no anything and my salary doesn't come anywhere near the Public Service Commissioners. I spend more time on the job, and I work harder and I feel that I am more proficient, and I have never been accused of corruption, bribery selling out or any of these kinds of things. Yet I can not get a nickle increase in salary. This is one instance, myself speaking for myself, where people are getting far more than what they pay for. With the Public Service Commission, they pay a lot more for what they get as a result of the Public Service Commission activities. I don't see where that great of a job is being done, and contrary to a position that I generally take on salaries, I say the office is what should determine the salary. When I look at the types of people getting into this office when a public controversy arises and the weak watered down thing that they consider to be a code of ethics, why its not even as good as the lawyers code of ethics. So you know that they are not hitting on anything. I'm against this bill and if anything I would like to cut the salary down to what it would be worth. This would mean that each service commissioner would owe the state about \$10,000.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Moylan do you care to close?

SENATOR MOYLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I think that maybe I should close after that. This raise